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Re: Enclosed Amendment After-Final Rejection Under 37 CFR §1.116 and Petition and Fee
for Two-Months Extension of Time
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/598,477
Docket No.: NE-1005-US/KM

Dear Examiner Tsegaye:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 19, 2006, along with two copies of the Petition and Fee for Two-Months Extension of Time, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



James E. Howard

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